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**FIGHTING IN CUBA.**

The Patriots Make Lively Work for the  
Spaniards in Spite of the Heavy Season.

HAVANA, Aug. 10.—It is reported from Artemisa that a number of insurgents stopped a work train at that station and attacked the gallery car, killing two men and wounding several. A detachment on board of it. The latter, according to their own story, made a gallant defense for fifty-six hours, when troops of the government arrived and drove the insurgents from their position. The Spanish loss was one killed and twenty-two wounded, including a lieutenant. The insurgent losses are said to have been heavy. The train was abandoned and was set on fire by the insurgents as soon as they were driven off.

A superior force of insurgents under Clotilde Garcia surrounded a body of Spanish guerrillas, who were employed in protecting the laborers of the Guerrero estate, near Rancagua, and ordered them to attack them from all sides. The Spanish force, however, did not retreat, leaving behind them, according to the official report, a considerable amount of arms and a commanding officer.

Eight wounded men were carried to the government hospital at Artemisa. Devices from another force are said to be the effect that the Spanish losses were heavy.

Official report.

Numerous insurgent bands, believed to be active in the vicinity of Artemisa, are reported to be active in the vicinity of Artemisa.

The troops used artillery, but the insurgents succeeded in forcing the escort to retire and captured the convoy. The insurgent loss is unknown. The Spaniards lost an officer and three privates killed, a Captain, a surgeon, and twenty-seven privates seriously wounded, and

**SPANISH DYNAMITE PLOT.**

**A Conspiracy to Blow Up the Residence of the Infanta Isabella.**

MADRID, Aug. 19.—The *Heraldo* asserts that the authorities have discovered the existence of a plot to blow up the Castle of La Granja at San Ildefonso, the residence of the Infanta Isabella, aunt of the King.

**NOTES FROM HAVANA.**

**Spain Will Buy Horses in This Country—  
Fever Killing Off the Spantards.**

HAVANA, Aug. 15.—A military commission in charge of Lieut.-Col. Enrique Caillo will soon leave for New Orleans to buy horses for the Spanish army.

An Artemisa correspondent writes: "Sickening among the troops here does not abate. Major Torres, of the Etat-Major is seriously ill. The Artemisa climate does not seem to agree with the men of the Etat-Major. Every officer of this corps, who has come to this part of the trocha during the past months, has been attacked by fever."

The number of freight trains from Havana to Pinar del Rio has been reduced to one every ten days.

Ricardo Barrios Robado and Amado Marti, from the same town, furnish

It is said that an order will soon be issued authorizing the export of tobacco leaf from the Remedios district.

A protest will soon be made by the merchants in this city against the Government's plan of contracting in Spain for the supply of clothing for the army.

The patriot army ordered the inhabitants of the town of Santa Lucia to move to Gibara. The town is within the sugar estate of that name, and its inhabitants, which number nearly 3,000, are the cane-growers and laborers of

**Spanish Hatred of Americans.**  
KEY WEST, Fla., Aug. 19.—Among the passengers on the Mascota to-night was Arturo Cienfuegos, a Cuban exile leader, who since decorated by the Queen Regent, has written to the Tokio papers about the Spanish hospitals in Cuba in a way which reflects little credit upon the skill and science of Spanish surgeons.

He reports that seven members of the expedition have been killed to date and five made prisoners. The others, about 40, will all be amputated, are with Gen. Aguilera near Havana. He says that there is much hatred expressed for the Americans in and around Havana, and that orders have been given to kill any Cuban caught who claims American citizenship.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.—A note was received at the Department of State to-day from Consul-General Lee at Havana, saying that Pearce Atkinson, the Chicago man, was not killed in Cuba, as reported, but was in Pinar del Rio on Aug. 1. Inquiry into the case of Atkinson was made at the instigation of Gen. Miles. It was reported in the West that he had joined the insurgents and had been killed in battle.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.—The Collector of Customs at Jacksonville, Fla., has been directed to release the Three Friends, if in the judgement of the Collector the facts in the case warrant such action. No doubt is expressed by officials

ere that the facts do not justify her further  
ention.

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**NATURAL COLD STORAGE.**

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**Perfect Preservation of Food for Half the  
Bird Population of the Old World.**

*From the Popular Science News.*

Many inventions follow nature's lead, only  
they lag far behind. The cold storage of fruit  
a modern device for the supplying of man with

In the course of his researches he wanted to visit the Petchora River, which flows from the north of Manitoba into the Arctic Ocean near the mouth of the Mackenzie. The country he found what seemed a most uninviting district—a uninhabited, treeless swamp, stretching for miles to the ocean, and known as the tundra. Higher up the river the tundra was timbered forest, but here in the tundra was

The once frozen tundra now showed itself to be a more and there a large box and numerous lakes. It was covered with moss, lichens, heath-like plants, dwarf birch, and

The perpetual snow of the Arctic summer also made the plants to bear in wonderful profusion. The berries of the *Saxifraga* and *Salix* did not come before blossoming, and blossom and fruit cannot be perfected in forty-eight hours. The little travelers were arriving by the middle of or end of the Arctic summer, and fife birds had to wait till then they must needs travel so, however, does nature provide for her pensioners. Long before the snow melted provision had been made for their maintenance.

Each year, when the berries are ripe, and before the birds can gather them, the snow descends upon the tundra, effectually covering no crop and preserving it in perfect condition until the spring sun melts the snow and disposes the bushes loaded with ripened fruits, or, in some cases, the ground beneath the plants is covered with the fallen treasure, waiting for the hungry strangers. Nature's cold storage is never a failure.